

COMMON SNAKES OF BEAUFORT WEST



Beaufort West has around twenty different species of snakes. Three species are considered highly venomous. Another three may give a bad bite but are not life-threatening. Six are considered mildly venomous and the other eight are completely harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused
human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does
not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be
harmful to humans

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to
humans



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Cape Cobra - yellow form
(*Naja nivea*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Cape Cobra - brown form
(*Naja nivea*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Cape Cobra - juvenile
(*Naja nivea*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Dwarf Beaked Snake
(*Dipsina multimaculata*) photo - Marius Burger



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



VENOMOUS

Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps l. lubricus*)



VENOMOUS

Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



HARMLESS

Sundevall's Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna sundevallii*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake
(*Alopecion guttatum*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

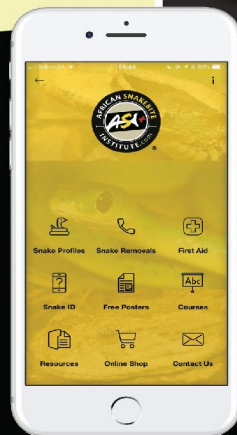
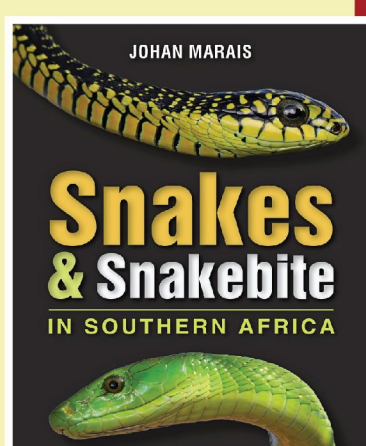
Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Delelände's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*)

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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKE BITE

- 1 Keep the victim calm, immobilized and transport the victim to the closest hospital **without delay**.
- 2 If the victim stops breathing, resort to artificial respiration or make use of a Bag Valve Mask.
- 3 Call the Poison Information Centre help-line for further advice: 0861 555 777.

DO NOT

- ... apply a tourniquet.
- ... cut and suck the wound.
- ... use ice or very hot water.
- ... give the victim alcohol.
- ... apply electric shock.
- ... inject antivenom randomly. Antivenom (if required) must be administered by a doctor in a hospital environment.